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CONFISCATE CARGOES OF PANAMANIAN AND BRITISH SHIPS -- Hong Kong, Ta Kung Pao, 27 Jul 51

Three ships which had been intercepted and their cargo confiscated by the Nationalists, arrived in Hong Kong on 26 July 1951.

One was the 882-ton Panamanian ship, Taluei, of the John Manners and Company, which was attached in the vicinity of the Chou-shan Islands, on 10 July 1951, by an armed motor-sail boat flying the Nationalist flag. All of its cargo, personel belongings of the crew, and telegraphic and navigation apparatus were confiscated. The ship was en route from Tsingtao to Foochow. Two of the crew members were wounded by the raider's machine gun. On 13 July, the Taluei was released and left edrift for 4 days before it was rescued on 17 July 1951 by the Butterfield and Swire ship, Han-yang, which was returning to Hong Kong from Tientsin. After receiving food, clothes, and navigational apparatus from the Han-yang, the Taluei continued to Foochow. The two wounded crew members were returned to Hong Kong aboard the Han-yang for hospitaliza-

According to one of the wounded men, a second mate of the Taluei, the ship was transporting about 1,000 tons of peanut oil and beans from Tsingtao It was ordered to proceed to Meng-pu Island, located outside T'ai-chou Bay in Chekiang, where the cargo and food were unto Foochow when it was attacked. loaded by the raider before the ship was released.

The other two ships were the Admiral Hardy and the Josephine Moller, both British ships. The 1,900-ton Admiral Hardy was intercepted by a Nationalist naval vessel on 19 July 1951 outside of Foochow while en route from Foochow to Shanghai with a load of lumber. The ship was released on 23 July 1951 after the lumber had been confiscated by the Nationalists.

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The 1,200-ton Josephine Moller was also intercepted by a Nationalist naval vessel on 19 July 1951 while it was returning from Foochow to Hong Kong with a load of lumber. It was released after all the lumber was confiscated by the Nationalists

ASSIGNS SHIPS TO HANKOW-CHUNGKING ROUTE -- Hong Kong, Ta Kung Pao, 17 Jun 50

Hankow, 15 June -- The People's Steamship Company, formerly the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company, and the Min-sheng Shipping Company have jointly established a scheduled shipping service between Hankow and Chungking. They have assigned four ships, the Chiang-ho, Min-lian, Min-wan, and Huao-kuang, to serve the route.

BEGINS TSINGTAO-DAIREN SERVICE -- Tsingtao Jih-pao, 31 May 51

The Chinese People's Steamship Company has assigned the freight-passenger ship Hai-p'ing to scheduled service between Tsingtao and Dairen, beginning 1 June 1951. The Hai-p'ing will depart from Tsongtao on the 1st, 11th, and 21st of each month, and from Dairen on the 6th, 16th, and 26th.

CHIANG-T'AI TO RE-ENTER SERVICE -- Hong Kong, Ta Kung Pao, 25 Jul 51

Shanghai -- The 3,373-ton Chiang-t'ai, of the People's Steamship Company, was completely repaired on 10 July 1951 at the company's own shipyard in Shanghai and will soon be serving on the Yangtze River again. The Chiangtai, 340 feet long and 47 feet wide, which formerly carried only 49 passengers, was refitted to carry 702 passengers.

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